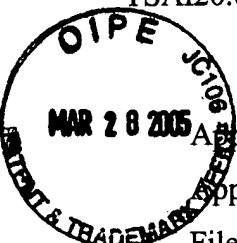


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed February 25, 2005, Applicant hereby elects Species I, drawn to Claims 1-10, 17 and 18. This election is made with traverse.

In the Election Requirement, the Examiner states that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species (Species I and II) of the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Claims 1-10 (Group I) are directed to a frame structure of a liquid crystal module, Claims 11-15 (Group II) are directed to a ground structure of a liquid crystal module, and Claims 16-25 (Group III) are directed to a liquid crystal module. Thus, Applicant believes that two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner withdraw the February 25, 2005 Election Requirement and issue a new Restriction Requirement which requires the application to be restricted to one of the groups of the inventions. 35 U.S.C. § 121. MPEP 803.

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The Examiner also states that Claim 16 is a generic claim. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Each species claim must include all the limitations of a generic claim, and the generic claim should include no material element additional to those recited in the species claims. *MPEP 806.04(d)*. Since neither of the species I and II claims includes all the limitations of Claim 16, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 16 is not in fact a generic claim.


If the Examiner has any questions or remaining concerns which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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